

The Off-Site Source Recovery



Project News

MID-WEST BLITZ

The Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Off-Site Source Recovery (OSR) Project is undergoing a regional blitz to recover unwanted or excess radioactive sealed sources. Currently, the OSR Project is focusing on small sites with 241-Am, 241-Am/Be, 241-Am/Be/Cs, 238-Pu/Be, and 238-Pu sealed sources in the Midwest Region (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri). Industries as varied as Healthcare to Steel are being served.

In an effort to gain efficiencies and leverage it's core competencies, a focused approach towards maximizing cost effective recoveries was sought. Upon mapping potential recovery sites, (based on sites registered on: <http://osrp.lanl.gov>) it was seen that there were definite regional clusters. In addition, to some degree, there were often similarities in industry types within clusters. For example, the

South-central region (Texas and Oklahoma) had a high percentage of oil service related sites. Exploiting this and geographic proximity will allow cost reduction measures such as reducing travel costs by recovering from multiple sites per trip. This also allowed the Project to do some realistic scheduling and setting of deadlines for each cluster. An unforeseen benefit of the approach was that when focusing on the Midwest, the Project began getting contacted from unregistered sites, which heard about the recoveries the OSR Project was performing in their region.

Regardless of location, sites needing assistance with unwanted or excess sealed sources should visit the OSR Project website (<http://osrp.lanl.gov>) and register on the "Online Source Registration" link.



Questions regarding Project plans or other issues
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Information about the OSR Project
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